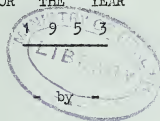


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Public Health Department

ANNUAL REPORTS
FOR THE YEAR



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Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1953 on the health of the Rural District.

(1) HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM PROVISIONS, &c.

The care of the chronic sick is provided for at St. Hilda's Hospital, Whitby and at the General Wards of the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington, the Bampton Lane Hospital, Bridlington, and St. Mary's Hospital, Scarborough.

Dr. Beaton has been appointed Geriatrician for the Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby area.

There has been no change in laboratory facilities.

Your Public Health staff has been increased by the appointment of Mr. G. Anderson as additional Sanitary Inspector.

The Public Health Laboratory in Hull, under the direction of Dr. Groening, undertakes bacteriological investigations in matters of public health (such as water and milk sampling), and also in diseases (such as the enteric group) which are closely linked with public sanitation.

Laboratory work on diseases of non-public health interest is done by the Pathologist at Westwood Hospital, Beverley, and by the Pathologist at Scarborough Hospital.

(2) GENERAL STATISTICS

The following is a table of general statistics for the year under review:

Area of District	66,903 acres
Population of Area (Estimated, from the Registrar-General's figures)	9,223
Number of separate Families	2,688
Separate Houses and other Dwellings as at 31st December 1952 ..	3,539
Rateable Value	£36,384
Product of Penny Rate at 31st March 1952	£147/3/6

(3) VITAL STATISTICS

The vital statistics for the year 1953 were as follows:

Children aged 0 -14	2,342	Total Population	9,345
Live Births .	Legitimate)	Males 56 Females 66	Total 122
	Illegitimate)	Males 4 Females 4	Total 8
		<u>60</u> <u>70</u>	<u>130</u>

Using comparability factors of 1.13 for Births and 0.89 for Deaths -

The Birth-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population is ...	15.61
Rate per thousand (Total live and still births)	15.63
Deaths	Males 50 Females 37 Total 87
Death-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population.....	8.27
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	Nil
Deaths of Infants under one year:	
	Legitimate) Males 1 Females 1 Total 2
	Illegitimate) Males 0 Females 0 Total 0
	<u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>2</u>
Infantile death-rate per thousand live births (Legitimate).....	15.38
Infantile death-rate for England and Wales, per thousand live births (Legitimate).....	26. 8
Deaths from Measles (All ages).....	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under two years of age)	Nil
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 births	2

(4) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The case rate of certain infectious diseases per thousand population is shown in the following table, case rates for Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia are given per thousand total births:

Disease	England and Wales	Bridlington Rural District
Acute Polio Myelitis Paralytic.....	0.07	0.00
Non Paralytic	0.04	0.00
Diphtheria	0.01	0.00
Enteric Fever Group	0.00	0.00
Erysipelas	0.14	0.10
Food Poisoning	0.24	0.42
Measles	12.36	6.52
Pneumonia	0.84	1.39
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia per 1000 Live & Still Births	18.23	7.69
Scarlet Fever	1.39	0.42
Smallpox	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	3.58	2.46

The following table shows the diseases notified during the year:

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Sanatorium	Deaths
Dysentery	4	1	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles	61	-	-
Pneumonia	13	-	2
Scarlet Fever	4	3	-
Whooping Cough	23	-	-

(5) TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on the Register at 31st December 1953:

Pulmonary	Males.. 28	Females.. 15	Total... 43
Non-Pulmonary	Males.. 10	Females.. 11	Total... 21

New cases notified during the year:

Pulmonary	Males.. 1	Females.. 1	Total... 2
Non-Pulmonary	Males.. 2	Females.. 0	Total... 2

(6) VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA - 1953

(a) Number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during 1953:

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Totals
Number vaccinated	43	5	1	7	6	62
Number re-vaccinated	-	1	1	9	19	30

(b) Number of children at 31st December, 1953, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1939):

Age at 31.12.53 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1953	1 1952	2 1951	3 1950	4 1949	5 to 9 1944-1948	10-14 1939-1943	Total under 15
Number immunised (Whether primary or booster):-								
1949-1953	4	54	58	65	62	147	30	418
1948 or earlier.	-	-	-	-	-	367	237	604
Totals.....	4	54	58	63	62	514	267	1022

(c) Number of children immunised during the year ended 31st December, 1953
(Figures also included in (b).)

Under 5	5 to 14	Total	Boosters
73	3	76	24

These immunisation figures show a considerable improvement in the age group 0 - 2 years, over last year's figures. During this year a reminder of the benefits of immunisation has been posted to mothers of 8 months old babies in the District.

(7) BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

These are now the entire responsibility of the East Riding County Council, insofar as infectious diseases are concerned.

(8) WATER SUPPLY

The Bridlington Corporation supply the water for the Rural District but your Council are still responsible for ensuring that the water supply is of the requisite purity. There have been no complaints of any shortage of water in the area.

Number of houses and population supplied with water:

Parish	To Houses		From Standtaps	
	No. of Houses	Population	No. of Houses	Population
Barmston	66	227	15	51
Bempton	183	550	14	48
Boynnton	39	207	5	19
Burton Agnes	164	573	2	8
Burton Fleming	91	296	31	116
Carnaby	86	331	15	53
Flamborough	544	1656	9	35
Folkton	120	457	4	15
Grindale	40	137	8	30
Hunmanby	533	1896	18	62
Muston	92	346	15	49
Reighton	102	331	11	37
Rudston	108	342	23	77
Skipsea	93	313	43	121
Thwing	59	192	9	33
Ulrome	67	205	16	57
Wold Newton	75	275	6	23

(9) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The following villages have a sewage disposal system:

Hunmanby, Bempton and Buckton, Reighton, Flamborough Village, North Landing and Flamborough Head.

In addition to the sewage disposal works enumerated, the following sewage works have been constructed for the treatment of sewage from Council House Estates:-

Burton Fleming-Rudston, Muston, Flixton and Speeton

In addition Hunmanby and Flamborough have a weekly collection of nightsoil. Progress is being made at Hunmanby, Flamborough and Bempton in the conversion to water carriage system.

(10) COLLECTION OF HOUSE REFUSE

There is a periodic collection of refuse in fifteen villages. Hunmanby and Flamborough have a fortnightly collection.

The large holiday camps in the Flamborough area have a bi-weekly collection on a payment basis, and due to this collection a high standard of cleanliness in the camps has been maintained.

(11) FOOD

There have been three cases of food poisoning notified during the year, but there is reason to think that a good standard of cleanliness among food handlers is being maintained.

(12) PUBLIC LAVATORIES

These have been constructed at Flamborough and Hummanby, and they have met a real need. The wanton destruction of these premises has completely ceased.

I am, Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P.D.H. CHAPMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1954.

Annual Report of the Public Health Department
for the Year 1953

To the Chairman and Members
of the Bridlington Rural District Council.

Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Eleventh Annual Report on the sanitary and other work carried out by your Health Department during the year ended 31st December 1953.

The total number of inspections carried out during the year for all purposes was 2,429.

(1) HOUSING ACTS

During the year 53 inspections were made in connection with the Housing Survey and housing repairs generally, and notices were served in 31 cases, **such** notices being informal notices. In 27 cases repairs were carried out before the end of the year.

Difficulty was still experienced in getting repairs carried out to houses, owing to the shortage of labour and materials and the high cost of same, but in spite of these difficulties it is pleasing to note that owners are carrying out necessary maintenance repairs without notices being served by the Council.

(2) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

During the year 43 complaints and nuisances were dealt with, necessitating the making of 67 visits of inspection. Notices were served where found necessary.

The following is a summary of nuisances:

Dirty dwellings	3
Defective pail closets or privy middens	11
Offensive accumulations	9

(3) MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

There are 253 cowkeepers, producers, wholesale traders and retail traders on the Register, trading as follows:

As producers and wholesale traders	196
As producers and retail traders	9
As producers, retail and wholesale traders	48

During the year 107 inspections and visits were made and as a result the following infringements were dealt with:

Cleansing of cowsheds and dairies	5
Structural alterations	7
Cleansing of utensils	4

(4) MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

As in previous years, the slaughtering of animals for human consumption was carried out at the Central Slaughterhouse, situate in the Borough of Bridlington, and the inspection of the carcasses was undertaken by the Inspectorate to the Bridlington Corporation.

This arrangement however has not done away with the supervision of meat and food shops, and 139 inspections were carried out in this connection. As a result it was necessary to condemn 9 tins of milk, 14 tins of beans and 12 lbs of butter, as unfit for human consumption.

(5) SHOPS ACTS

Most of the shops in the area are run by owner-occupiers and have sufficient and satisfactory sanitary accommodation.

The larger shops are visited periodically and 104 visits and inspections were made during the year to ascertain the adequacy and condition of the sanitary accommodation.

(6) FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

There are 49 factories and workshops on the Register, and 85 inspections were made during the year. Infringements of the Acts and Regulations were dealt with in conjunction with the Ministry's Factories Inspector.

(7) SCAVANGING

The Parishes of Flamborough and Hunmanby continue to have a weekly collection of nightsoil and fortnightly collections of house refuse. In the remaining 15 Parishes the collection of tins etc. is carried out periodically. This work is carried out by direct labour, using the Council's two lorries. Very little trouble has been encountered and 323 visits and inspections have been made in connection with this work. The refuse from several of the camps and trade refuse from shops and cafes is collected twice weekly, for which service a charge is made to the respective owner.

The house refuse and tins are disposed of by tipping, and as far as possible with the labour available, control of the tips is being maintained. The nightsoil is disposed of by tipping same on to agricultural land for ploughing in, and we have experienced no difficulty in disposing of the nightsoil.

(8) SUPERVISION OF SEWAGE WORKS AND DRAINAGE

During the year 315 visits and inspections were made and no major difficulties have been encountered.

The work of sewage works maintenance increases each year as new works are erected. Sewage works are now in operation in the parishes of Hunmanby, Flamborough, Bampton, Burton Fleming, Roighton and Rudston, and all these works have regular attention to ensure a satisfactory effluent.

Again a vast amount of work has been carried out with regard to the cleansing and maintenance of sewer dykes throughout the district.

(9) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938 - Section 14

There are now 49 premises registered for the sale, storage and/or manufacture of ice-cream or preserved food. Frequent inspections are made of the premises, and it is pleasing to note that any advice given or recommendations made to the owners of the premises is always well received in order to improve the standard of cleanliness.

There are no manufacturers of ice-cream, which is bulk purchased from wholesale traders outside the area of the Bridlington Rural District.

(10) RODENT CONTROL

In addition to ordinary enquiries made during routine visits, 45 visits and inspections were made during the year, and where necessary poisoning was carried out. There has been no incidence of any major infestation.

The refuse tips and sewage works under the control of the Council were treated as required.

(11) SUPERVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSES

The inspection of Council Houses for repairs and maintenance has taken up a considerable amount of time during the past year, and once again a large amount of work has been carried out. In this connection I would especially like to thank the Rating staff for their co-operation.

The repairs carried out can be summarised as follows:

Roofs.....	91	Grates.....	41
Chimneys.....	23	Firebricks.....	23
Flashings.....	15	Back Boilers.....	3
Pointing of Walls.....	12	Sink Wastes (Repairs).....	23
Paving.....	19	Water Bursts.....	56
Fencing.....	12	Spouting.....	13
General Woodwork.....	47	Handrails Refitting	
Window repairs.....	151	and Repairs.....	5
Gates and Posts.....	41	Draining Boards.....	32
Dustbins.....	12	Copper Cylinders.....	3
W.C. Cisterns and Ball Taps..	194	Electric Fitting Repairs....	
New Ranges.....	4	and Renewals.....	26
Saddles to Ranges.....	9	Storage Tanks.....	9
Oven Plates.....	7	Floor Repairs.....	4
Oven Bottoms.....	6	Garden Sheds (R.D.C.).....	2

(12) CAMPS, TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are 19 camps in the area which are licensed under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936. These camps stretch from the extreme North to the extreme South of the Rural District along the coastline, and owing to the distance to be travelled it is very difficult to visit the camps as often as is desirable. Nevertheless 96 visits and inspections were made to ascertain the sanitary and other conditions at the camps, and in most cases the owners were found to be very willing to co-operate.

(13) SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

A summary of visits and inspections made during the year 1953 is given below:

Housing Acts.....	53
Public Health and Public Health	
Housing Acts.....	291
Milk and Dairies Orders.....	107
Slaughterhouses.....	139
Bakehouses.....	11
Shops Acts.....	104
Water Supplies.....	54
Factories and Workshops.....	85
Sewage Works and Drainage.....	315
Scavenging.....	323
Food Inspections.....	139
Rodent Control.....	45
Council Houses, Repairs &c.....	742
Camps, Tents, &c.....	96
TOTAL.....	2512

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for the support and consideration given to me during the year under review, and also to the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. P.D.H. Chapman), the Clerk to the Council (Mr. A.S. Makin) and the Staff, for their interest and help in connection with my work.

I have the honour to be,

Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. RIDOUT

Senior Sanitary Inspector



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